

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 574  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Austin Peay State  
University student-athlete Brooke Armistead on  
her remarkable basketball career.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those  
successful athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve  
as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Peay State University women's basketball program is renowned  
for its perennial nature as a bastion of extraordinary athletic facility and competitive stature in  
the world of college athletics, as is its premier student-athlete, 2003 graduate Brooke Armistead;  
and

WHEREAS, the most celebrated women's basketball player in Austin Peay's history,  
Brooke Armistead has left her mark on the school's record books and on the hearts of Lady  
Governor's fans across the State; and

WHEREAS, a native of Elmwood, Ms. Armistead attended Gordonsville High School,  
where she excelled under the tutelage of Coach Butch Agee; averaging 25.7 points, 6.5

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rebounds, 4.2 assists, and 2.1 steals per game during her senior year, she was thrice named to the All-District team, twice named to the All-Region team, and was a Miss Tennessee Basketball finalist; and

WHEREAS, joining the Lady Governor's squad for the 1999-2000 season, Brooke Armistead displayed her potential for greatness early on and was accordingly named Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, over the next three years, Ms. Armistead continued to lead the team during the most successful seasons in school history, as the Lady Governors secured three consecutive conference championships and made three NCAA Tournament appearances; and

WHEREAS, Brooke Armistead and her fellow seniors amassed an astounding 78 wins during their collegiate careers, besting the school's previous career win record by 15; and

WHEREAS, truly an offensive force to be reckoned with, Ms. Armistead recorded over 2,500 points in her Austin Peay State University career; she is the school's all-time leading scorer, male or female, and the OVC's second all-time scorer in women's basketball; and

WHEREAS, Brooke Armistead was named to the All-Ohio Valley Conference team in 2001, 2002, and 2003, was named to the Ohio Valley Conference All-Tournament team in 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003, was selected as the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Most Valuable Player in 2001 and 2003, and was, most appropriately, named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year for 2003; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Ms. Armistead attained the pinnacle of success in her basketball career when she was drafted by the San Antonio Silver Stars in the third round of the Women's National Basketball Association draft after finishing her collegiate career by scoring 30 points against North Carolina in the 2003 NCAA Tournament; and

WHEREAS, true to form, Ms. Armistead is both the first Ohio Valley Conference player and the first Lady Governor to be drafted into the WNBA; and

WHEREAS, Brooke Armistead epitomizes all that is good in today's student-athlete, as she has achieved a premier level of success in competition, while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, Brooke Armistead has inspired the Austin Peay student body and excited basketball fans throughout Tennessee and the nation in leading her team to three consecutive OVC Championships during her undergraduate basketball career; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this young woman not only made possible a championship basketball season, but also surely bode well for her success in every future enterprise, particularly as she pursues her Master's Degree at Austin Peay in the off-season; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Brooke Armistead for her remarkable, record-setting, and still more promising basketball career; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we do hereby honor and congratulate Brooke Armistead on her formidable legacy, her fervent resolve, and her extraordinary collegiate basketball career.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.